

Remarks

Claims 1-78 are pending in the application.

The Advisory Action dated January 13, 2004, indicated that the Applicants' amendment dated December 19, 2003, was not entered because of an issue with claim 27. The Advisory action further indicated that claims 1-6, 8, 14-19, 21, 28-34, and 37 would be allowable if submitted in a further amendment canceling the non-allowable claims (i.e., claim 27).

Following telephone discussions between the undersigned and the examiner on February 10 and 11, 2004, it was agreed that making claim 27 dependent on allowable claim 1 would overcome any issues with claim 27. Therefore, applicants submit herewith the claims as amended in the December 19, 2003, amendment, but amending claim 27 so that it is now dependent on allowable claim 1. It was further agreed that claim 35 is allowable because it depends on allowable claim 34.

All outstanding rejections are respectfully traversed in light of this amendment, and allowance of claims 1-6, 8, 14-19, 21, 27-35, and 37 is respectfully requested.

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